



To Our St. Joseph Village Residents and Family Members:

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Joseph Village and the associates who are working so diligently with the COVID-19 infection prevention strategies. Throughout this crisis, we have kept you informed, as quickly as possible, with any confirmed COVID-19 case that has been diagnosed. Today, 5/02/2020, there has been an associate, who is a CNA, that has tested positive for COVID-19. We would like to take this opportunity to update you and discuss the continued measures that are being implemented.

Current Confirmed Case:

This associate last worked on 4/17/2020 and has been off of work and has not been in the building since that date. On 4/24/2020 this associate went to get tested for COVID-19, due to exposure to a family member that had tested positive for the virus. At that time, the associate's results returned a negative result to the COVID-19 virus. Although their test returned a negative result, management advised the associate to stay home and self-monitor based on current Franciscan Ministry Infectious Disease Policy and Procedures. On 4/28/2020, the associate reported symptoms – exhibiting headache and diarrhea but no fever. On 4/29/2020 the associate was still exhibiting the same symptoms, plus the additional symptoms of loss of sense of smell and loss of taste. At this time the associate was still not exhibiting a fever. On 4/30/2020 the associate was still exhibiting symptoms and, at that time, was advised by management to get retested for COVID-19. On 5/01/2020 the associate was re-tested for COVID-19 and on 5/02/2020 received a positive result for COVID-19.

It is important to note that the associate has not been in the building since 4/17/20. There are no residents or any other staff members that exhibit any symptoms of the virus at this time.

Containment Procedures:

Residents continue to be monitored closely for the earliest signs or symptoms of COVID-19. **If any signs or symptoms develop, a resident is immediately isolated.** Associates continue to be screened daily when they report for work; if any screening element is noted to be abnormal, the associate is sent home.

Precautionary Measures:

Our Infection Preventionist, along with our Head of Clinical and Infectious Disease Control are widening the visitor screening procedures, adding additional screening items to the list of current symptoms that we have been screening for – you will notice this on the new screening that is done when you arrive for work each shift.

St. Joseph Village continues to restrict visitors and monitors those associates and residents, following CDC-regulated standards for infection control and to prevent any spread of the virus. The staff continues to maintain proper PPE recommendations and protocol, as defined by the local and state health departments and the CDC.

We understand that this is a time of anxiety and unknowns for the safety of you or loved ones. 100% of our efforts are geared towards the safety of your loved ones. Should you have any questions, please visit our St. Joseph Village Facebook page or the Franciscan Ministry **COVID-19 Web Page - www.franciscanministries.org/coronavirus-response/** for daily updates and information. For additional information, please visit the CDC's coronavirus disease information page.

The safety of our residents and associates continues to be our most important concern.

Sincerely,

Judy Amiano
President and CEO

